

friend, and North Carolina is proud to call him our son.

U.S.-GERMANY RELATIONS

Mr. LUGAR. Madam President, I rise today to share a wonderful story illustrating the outpouring of support which the United States has received from friends and allies around the world in the days since the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11. I recently joined Senate and House colleagues for a luncheon sponsored by the Congressional Study Group on Germany. Former Congressman Larry La Rocca, a Democrat from Idaho, hosted the luncheon to provide Members of Congress with an opportunity to meet the new German Ambassador, Wolfgang Ischinger.

During Congressman La Rocca's introduction, he read an e-mail a close friend of his received from his son serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS *Winston Churchill*. The Congressman read the e-mail as a timely reminder of the close relationship between the United States and Germany. I found the story to be inspiring, and I wish to share it with my colleagues and the American people.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of this e-mail be inserted into the RECORD at this time.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MESSAGE HOME FROM AN ENSIGN STATIONED
ABOARD USS "WINSTON CHURCHILL"

DEAR DAD: Well, we are still out at sea, with little direction as to what our next priority is. The remainder of our port visits, which were to be centered around max liberty and goodwill to the United Kingdom, have all but been canceled. We have spent every day since the attacks going back and forth within imaginary boxes drawn in the ocean, standing high-security watches, and trying to make the best of our time. It hasn't been that much fun I must confess, and to be even more honest, a lot of people are frustrated at the fact that they either can't be home, or we don't have more direction right now. We have seen the articles and the photographs, and they are sickening. Being isolated as we are, I don't think we appreciate the full scope of what is happening back home, but we are definitely feeling the effects.

About two hours ago the junior officers were called to the bridge to conduct Shiphandling drills. We were about to do a man overboard when we got a call from the *Lutjens* (D185), a German warship that was moored ahead of us on the pier in Plymouth, England. While in port, the *Winston S Churchill* and the *Lutjens* got together for a sports day/cookout on our fantail, and we made some pretty good friends.

Now at sea they called over on bridge-to-bridge, requesting to pass us close up on our port side, to say goodbye. We prepared to render them honors on the bridgewing, and the Captain told the crew to come topside to wish them farewell. As they were making their approach, our Conning Officer announced through her binoculars that they were flying an American flag. As they came even closer, we saw that it was flying at half-mast.

The bridgewing was crowded with people as the Boatswain's Mate blew two whistles—Attention to Port—the ship came up alongside and we saw that the entire crew of the German ship were manning the rails, in their dress blues. They made up a sign that was displayed on the side that read "We Stand By You."

Needless to say there was not a dry eye on the bridge as they stayed alongside us for a few minutes and we cut our salutes. It was probably the most powerful thing I have seen in my entire life and more than a few of us fought to retain our composure. It was a beautiful day outside today.

We are no longer at liberty to divulge over unsecure e-mail our location, but we could not have asked for a finer day at sea. The German Navy did an incredible thing for this crew, and it has truly been the highest point in the days since the attacks. It's amazing to think that only a half-century ago things were quite different, and to see the unity that is being demonstrated throughout Europe and the world makes us all feel proud to be out here doing our job. After the ship pulled away and we prepared to begin our man overboard drills the Officer of the Deck turned to me and said "I'm staying Navy." I'll write you when I know more about when I'll be home, but for now, this is probably the best news that I could send you. Love you guys.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Madam President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of this year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred January 7, 2001 in Ashburn, GA. Robert Martin, 32, was hospitalized in critical condition after being found lying outside an abandoned school with head injuries from a blunt object. In early April, Martin died as a result of the injuries. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is investigating but has no suspects. Press reports indicate that Martin had been beaten and harassed before because of his perceived homosexuality.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM NEW JERSEY

Mr. CORZINE. Madam President, it is with deep pride and a certain humility that I rise today to pay tribute to the women and men of New Jersey who in the midst of very personal loss and deep sadness, responded immediately to the rescue and recovery efforts that followed the despicable attack on the World Trade Center.

In the face of risk and danger, courageous New Jerseyans stepped forward

and brought a powerful message to the innocent victims and their desperate families: "You are not alone."

New Jersey firefighters, police, EMTs, technicians, nurses, doctors, construction workers and welders, worked tirelessly through day and night. New Jersey residents came out in force to donate blood, supplies, and resources. The open doors of New Jersey schools, places of worship, and homes welcomed the weary, the hungry, and the wounded.

All of this was done in the spirit of kindness and generosity, of selflessness and bravery that makes our nation the strongest in the world.

That spirit motivated the undaunted and determined passengers of United Flight 93, many of whom were New Jerseyans, to take action against hijackers for the noblest cause, so others might live.

Now that same spirit carries through communities around New Jersey where families and friends, neighbors and strangers alike, gather to console one another in this time of grief and anguish. Let there be no doubt, we are all in this together.

To the men and women of New Jersey who have reached out to others in this time of unspeakable devastation, may the peace that you share be an example for all the world. Your heroic deeds will never be forgotten.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF THE CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the Calvary Chapel Christian School in Santa Fe, which today will be named a State Champion by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. The Calvary Chapel Christian School was selected for this prestigious honor based on their students' accomplishments in the President's Challenge Physical Activity and Fitness Awards Program. This program was originated by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966 and is especially important today given the increasing physical inactivity among American youth.

Calvary Chapel Christian School had a remarkable number of students that earned high scores on the President's Physical Fitness Challenge. These students demonstrated their abilities in four different physical fitness tests that tested agility, flexibility, strength, and endurance. This achievement is all the more prestigious given what the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports labels an "epidemic of physical inactivity" among American youth. More than one-third of high school students do not participate in vigorous physical activity on a regular basis. This epidemic has contributed to an increase in several medical problems, such as diabetes, obesity, and osteoporosis, among our children.